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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs [0001] and [0015] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0001] The present application claims priority to ~~my related~~ U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/429,959, filed 12/02/02, entitled "Expandable and Retractable Barbed Tape Concertina Barrier for Door and Window Enclosures."

[0015] Referring to FIGS. 1 – 9, system 100 comprises cutters 102 and connectors 104. Connectors 104 are utilized to connect cutters 102, forming a barrier capable of blocking an opening, such as a storefront window or doorway, from penetration by various objects such as animals, people, and weapons, as shown in FIG. 4. System 100 may also comprise a separator 106, capable of separating cutters 102 from their surroundings, so as to prevent accidental cutting of proximately moving objects. System 100 may also comprise a retractor 108 and retraction compartment 110, for moving cutters 102 in and out of the opening. Preferably, cutters 102 are razors that are used on razor wire. Alternatively, cutters 102 can be barbs, such as those extending from barbed wire or those extending from barbed tape, as is known in the art. Under appropriate circumstances, considering issues such as cost, manufacturing, local laws, etc., cutters may be fashioned from other materials, such as sharpened strips of plastic.